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An ordinance amending Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code related to accessory dwelling units.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 22.14.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 22.14.010 (A)

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Accessory dwelling unit. A dwelling unit with independent exterior access that is either attached to, located within the existing living area, or detached from and located on the same lot as a single-family residence. This term includes a manufactured home, as defined in Section 18007 of the California Health and Safety Code. An accessory dwelling unit is accessory to a primary single-family residence; does not count toward the allowable density for the lot upon which it is located; is a residential use that is consistent with the existing general plan and zoning designation for the lot; and includes permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

Attached accessory dwelling unit. An attached accessory dwelling unit is separated from the primary residence by a solid wall and does not provide interior access to the primary residence.

SECTION 2. Section 22.14.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 22.14.190 (S)

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Second unit. A dwelling unit, as authorized by Section 22.140.550 (Second Units), that is either attached to or located on the same lot as an existing single-family residence. This term includes a manufactured home, as defined in Section 18007 of the California Health and Safety Code, and an efficiency living unit, as described in Section 11.20.370 in Title 11 (Health and Safety Code) of the County Code. The following terms are defined solely for the purpose of Section 22.140.550 (Second Units):

Building site. Building site shall have the same term as in Section 21.08.040 (Building Site) in Title 21 of the County Code.

Rural area. An area for which the maximum density permitted by this Title 22 or by the General Plan, whichever is less, is one dwelling unit or less per acre.

Urban area. An area for which the maximum density permitted by this Title 22 or by the General Plan, whichever is less, is greater than one dwelling unit per acre.

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SECTION 3. Section 22.14.200 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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Section 22.14.200 (T)

Two-family residence. A building containing two dwelling units, other than a single-family residence with an attached second accessory dwelling unit. This term includes "duplex."

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SECTION 4. Section 22.16.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.16.030 Land Use Regulations for Zones A-1, A-2, O-S, R-R, and W

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2. Accessory Uses. Table 22.16.030-C, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each accessory use:

	A-1	A-2	o-s	R-R	W	Additional Regulations
Accessory dwelling units	<u>SPR</u>	<u>SPR</u>	-	-	-	Section 22.140.640
Second units						
In compliance with Section 22.140.540.D.1	SPR	SPR	-	-	-	Section 22.140.540
In compliance with Section 22.140.540.D.2	CUP	CUP	_	_	_	Section 22.140.540

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SECTION 5. Section 22.18.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.18.030 Land Use Regulations for Zones R-A, R-1, R-2, R-3, R-4, and R-5

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2. **Accessory Uses.** Table 22.18.030-C, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each accessory use:

TABLE 22.18.030-C:ACCESSORY USE REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL ZONES							
	R-A	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	Additional Regulation s
Accessory dwelling units	<u>SPR</u>	<u>SPR</u>	<u>SPR</u>	<u>SPR</u>	<u>SPR</u>	-	Section 22.140.640
Second units							
In compliance with Section 22.140.540.D.1	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	SPR	-	Section 22.140.540
In compliance with Section 22.140.540.D.2	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	-	Section 22.140.540

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SECTION 6. Section 22.18.040 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.18.040 Development Standards and Regulations for Zone RPD

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H. Second Units Accessory dwelling units. Second Accessory dwelling units within an existing planned residential development are subject to Section 22.140.6540 (Second Accessory Dwelling Units).

SECTION 7. Chapter 22.24.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.24.030 Land Use Regulations for Rural Zones

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3. **Accessory Uses.** Table 22.24.030-C, below, identifies the permit or review required to establish each accessory use:

TABLE 22.24.030-C:ACCESSORY USE REGULATIONS FOR RURAL ZONES				
	C-RU	MXD-RU	Additional Regulations	
Accessory dwelling units	SPR	-	Section 22.140.640	

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SECTION 8. Section 22.46.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.46.030 Administration

Specific Plans and associated regulations shall be administered in accordance with Article 8, Chapter 3, Division 1, Title 7 and other applicable provisions of the California Government Code. Such plans and regulations may reference existing provisions and procedures of this Title 22 or they may develop different administrative procedures to use in the implementation of the Specific Plan. Except as otherwise expressively provided in a Specific Plan, property may be used for any purpose and subject to all of the standards and requirements of the basic zone. Where the regulations of a Specific Plan differ from the provisions of the basic zone, with the exception of qualified projects allowed by Chapter 88 (Density Bonus and Affordable Housing Incentives) and Chapter 126 (Housing Permits), such regulations shall supersede the provisions of the basic zone as specified in the Specific Plan. Specific Plan regulations shall apply to accessory dwelling units as follows:

- A. Specific Plan regulations shall only apply to accessory dwelling units not described in Section 22.140.640.G.3.a.(1) and 22.140.640.G.3.a.(2).
- B. Where the regulations in Section 22.140.640 (Accessory Dwelling Units) are contrary to the provisions in a Specific Plan regulating the same matter, the less restrictive provision shall prevail, except for Section 22.140.640.G.2 (Maximum Floor Area) and Section 22.140.640.G.3 (Height).

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SECTION 9. Section 22.78 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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B. Additional Regulations.

- 1. Density Bonuses and Affordable Housing. Qualified projects allowed by Chapter 22.120 (Density Bonuses and Affordable Housing) and Chapter 22.166 (Housing Permits) shall supersede any contrary provisions as specified in any CSD.
- **2. Accessory Dwelling Units.** CSD regulations shall apply to accessory dwelling units as follows:
 - a. CSD regulations shall only apply to accessory dwelling units not described in Section 22.140.640.G.3.a.(1) and 22.140.640.G.3.a.(2).
 - b. Where the regulations in Section 22.140.640 (Accessory Dwelling Units) are contrary to the provisions in a CSD regulating the same matter, the less restrictive provision shall prevail, except for Section 22.140.640.G.2 (Maximum Floor Area) and Section 22.140.640.G.3 (Height).

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SECTION 10. Section 22.110.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.110.030 Accessory Buildings

The following accessory buildings are permitted in required yards:

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- C. Accessory Dwelling Units in Rear and Side Yards. Accessory dwelling units may be used within required rear and side yards as provided in Section 22.140.640.
- <u>D.C.</u> Other Accessory Buildings in Rear Yards. Other one-story accessory buildings permitted in the zone, excluding guest houses or any other building designed or used for living or sleeping purposes, may be used within a required rear yard, provided that:

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- E.D. Replacement of Open Space. A Discretionary Site Plan Review (Chapter 22.190) is required to approve buildings or other roofed structures, except for an accessory dwelling unit, when the area being covered is in excess of 50 percent of a required rear yard, and an equivalent area replacing the covered area is substituted elsewhere on the property, provided that:
 - 2. The Director determines that the equivalent area substituted is equally satisfactory with regard to usability and location; and
 - 3. Such equivalent area does not exceed 10 percent in grade and has a minimum dimension of not less than 15 feet. Such dimension may include area contained in the required rear or side yard but required yards shall not be included in computing such equivalent replacement area.

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SECTION 11. Section 22.112.060 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.112.060 Required Parking Spaces

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B. **Required Parking Spaces**. Table 22.112.060-A, below, identifies the minimum number of parking spaces required for each use.

Use Number of Spaces			
Use	Number of Spaces		
Residential uses ⁴			
Accessory dwelling units ¹⁰	=		
Second units10	1 standard space per second unit with fewer than two		
	bedrooms or 2 standard spaces per second unit with two or more bedrooms.		
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	2 covered standard spaces per unit.		

10: When a garage, carport or covered parking structure is demolished or rendered unusable in conjunction with the construction of an accessory dwelling unit, any parking spaces required for the primary residence may be provided as covered spaces, uncovered spaces, or tandem spaces. A parking space for a second unit may be located in tandem with a space serving the existing single-family residence if the design is necessary to provide the required number of spaces for both units, and if either space may be accessed from the driveway without moving an automobile parked in the other space. In addition, notwithstanding the parking requirements for single-family dwelling units specified above, if tandem parking is provided, one of the spaces for the single-family residence may be uncovered.

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SECTION 12. Section 22.112.070 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.112.070 Location of Parking Areas

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- C. **Residential and Agricultural Zones**. The following standards apply in all Residential and Agricultural Zones:
 - 1. A person shall not keep, store, park, maintain, or otherwise permit any vehicle or any component thereof in the front yard, corner side yard, or any additional area of a lot situated between the road and any building or structure located thereon, except that the parking of passenger vehicles including pickup trucks, other than a motor home or travel trailer, is permitted on a driveway.

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4. Notwithstanding Subsection C.1 above, a person may park a vehicle in the interior side yard, rear yard, or any additional area of a lot situated between the road and any building or structure located thereon, except for the front yard or corner side yard, if the garage, carport or covered parking structure is demolished or rendered unusable in conjunction with the construction of an accessory dwelling unit.

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SECTION 13. Section 22.140.290 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.140.290 Home-Based Occupations

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- Development Standards. Home-based occupations shall comply with the following standards:
 - The home-based occupation shall be demonstrably secondary and incidental to the primary-dwelling unit and shall not change the character and appearance of the dwelling unit.
 - 2. The home-based occupation shall not generate pedestrian or vehicular traffic in excess of that which is customary for a dwelling unit, or which would have a disruptive effect on the neighborhood.
 - 3. The home-based occupation shall not be conducted in any attached or unattached structure intended for the parking of automobiles.
 - 4. The home-based occupation shall not create or cause noise, dust, vibration, odor, gas, fumes, smoke, glare, electrical interferences, hazards, or nuisances. There shall be no storage or use of toxic or hazardous materials other than the types and quantities customarily found in connection with a dwelling unit. Any noises shall comply with Chapter 12.08 (Noise Ordinance) in Title 12 (Environmental Protection) of the County Code.
 - 5. Only one home-based occupation is permitted per dwelling unit. A primary dwelling unit may not be used for a home-based occupation if there is a home-based occupation in an accessory dwelling unit on the same lot.

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SECTION 14. Section 22.140.540 is hereby deleted as follows:

22.140.540 Second Units

A. **Purpose.** This Section is to provide for the development of second units in Residential and Agricultural Zones with appropriate development restrictions, pursuant to Section 65852.2 of the California Government Code. Nothing in this Section shall preclude the development of multiple single-family residences pursuant to Title 21 (Subdivisions) of the County Code in lieu of and as an alternative to the procedures set forth in this Section and Section 65852.2 of the California Government Code.

B. **Definitions.** Specific terms used in this Section are defined in Division 2 (Definitions) under "Second units."

C. Applicability.

- 1. This Section applies to second units in all zones where permitted.
- 2. All regulations of the zone and any supplemental district or specific plan in which the second unit is located shall apply, except as follows:
 - a. Where the regulations within this Section are contrary to regulations established by any zone, district, or specific plan, the more restrictive regulation shall apply;
 - b. Notwithstanding Subsection C.2.a, above, the parking requirements in Chapter 22.112 (Parking) for second units shall supersede those regulations established by any zone, district, or specific plan;
 - c. No zone, district, or specific plan regulation that requires discretionary review or hearing to establish a second unit shall apply; and
 - d. No zone, district, or specific plan regulation that prohibits a second unit shall apply.
- D. Prohibited Areas. A second unit is prohibited if any part of its building site is located:
 - 1. Within a Significant Ecological Area;
 - 2. On land with a natural slope of 25 percent or more; or
 - 3. Within the boundaries of a noise zone, as described in Chapter 22.76 (Noise Insulation Program).
- E. **Application Requirements.** A second unit is permitted in any area that is not prohibited under Subsection D, above, provided that the applicant obtains one of the following:
 - 1. *Ministerial Site Plan Review.* A Ministerial Site Plan Review (Chapter 22.186) application is required if the second unit's building site is located:
 - a. Outside of a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone, as defined in Section 223-V of Title 32 (Fire Code) of the County Code; and
 - b. Within an area that is served by a public sewer system; and
 - c. Within an area that is served by a public water system; or
 - 2. **Conditional Use Permit.** A Conditional Use Permit (Chapter 22.158) application is required if the second unit's building site does not meet all of the location criteria described in Subsection E.1, above.

F. Additional Application Materials.

- 1. *Ministerial Site Plan Review.* A second unit that requires a Ministerial Site Plan Review (Chapter 22.186) application shall submit the following materials:
 - a. Verification by public sewer and public water purveyors, that the sewer and water facilities in the area are adequate to meet the demands of the second unit and all other properties served by the same sewer and water facilities.
 - b. If any portion of an exterior wall of the first story of the second unit will be located more than 150 feet from fire apparatus access, verification by the Fire Department that there exists a fire apparatus access road, as provided in Section 902.2.1 of Title 32 (Fire Code) of the County Code.
 - c. Evidence that the applicant is an owner-occupant of the single-family residence located on the same lot on which the second unit is proposed.
- 2. **Conditional Use Permit.** A second unit that requires a Conditional Use Permit (Chapter 22.158) application shall submit the following materials:
 - a. Application within a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. For a proposed second unit in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone:
 - i. Preliminary verification, with conditions as applicable, by the Departments of Fire and Public Works that the existing single-family residence and second unit will be adequately protected against fire hazard; and
 - ii. For a second unit within 200 feet of a nature preserve, wildlife habitat, park, forest, or similar area, owned by a public agency or non-profit organization, conceptual approval by the Fire Department of a fuel modification plan that does not extend into these areas.
 - b. Application in Area with No Public Sewer System. For a proposed second unit within an area that is not served by a public sewer system, preliminary verification, with conditions as applicable, by the Department of Public Health that a private sewer system may be installed for the second unit in accordance with the guidelines of that department.
 - c. Application in Area with No Public Water System. For a proposed second unit within an area that is not served by a public water system, preliminary verification, with conditions as applicable, by the Fire Department, Public Health, and Public Works that the existing or proposed water supply to the site will be adequate to serve, both the existing single-family residence and the second unit.
 - d. All Applications. An assumption of risk, waiver of liability, and covenant not to sue by the applicant and the property owner, if different, and their successors for the County, its agents, officers, and employees, for damages resulting from approval of, or imposition of conditions on, a Conditional Use Permit pursuant to this Section.

G. Use Restrictions.

1. A second unit may be developed on a lot that contains not more than one single-family residence.

- 2. No more than one second unit is permitted on any lot.
- 3. A second unit may not be separately sold from the primary single-family residence on the same lot, but it may be used as a rental unit.
- 4. A second unit within an Equestrian District shall be located at least 35 feet from any side or rear property line, unless the unit is attached to and entirely within the outside horizontal dimensions of an existing single-family residence.
- 5. A second unit shall not be permitted on a lot where either of the following exists:
 - a. A mobilehome or residence for use by a caretaker and his immediate family; or b. A guest house.
- H. Development Standards. A second unit shall comply with the following development standards:
 - 1. Single-Family Residence Standards. A second unit shall comply with Section 22.140.580 (Single-Family Residences), except Section 22.140.580.B (Minimum Building Width) and Section 22.140.580.C (Minimum Floor Area) shall be superseded by this Subsection H.
 - 2. **Street Frontage.** The lot on which the second unit is located shall take vehicular access from a street or highway with a right-of-way of at least 50 feet in width.
 - 3. Minimum Floor Area. The minimum floor area shall be 220 square feet.
 - 4. **Maximum Floor Area.** The maximum floor area shall vary depending on the location and size of the lot as follows:
 - a. In urban areas:
 - i. 600 square feet, for lots less than 6,000 square feet in size.
 - ii. 800 square feet, for lots between 6,000 square feet and 7,499 square feet in size.
 - iii. 1,000 square feet, for lots between 7,500 square feet and 9,999 square feet in size.
 - iv. 1,200 square feet, for lots 10,000 square feet or larger in size.
 - b. In rural areas: 1,200 square feet.
 - 5. Height. The maximum height of a second unit shall be as follows:
 - a. In urban areas:
 - i. 17 feet for detached units.
 - ii. 20 feet for attached units, with the following exceptions: (1) Any portion of the structure that is set back more than 20 feet from the front property line may have an additional foot in height for every additional foot of setback, up to a maximum of 35 feet in height; and
 - (2) Any portion of the structure that is set back more than five feet from the side property line may have an additional foot in height for every additional foot of setback, up to a maximum of 35 feet in height;
 - b. In rural areas: 35 feet.

- 6. **Minimum Lot Size.** The minimum size of a lot on which a second unit is developed shall be as follows:
 - a. In urban areas, a net area of 5,000 square feet, except that this standard shall not apply to an attached second unit that is added as a second story and is entirely within the outside horizontal dimensions of the existing structure.
 - b. In rural areas, a gross area of one acre.
- 7. **Maximum Lot Coverage Urban Areas.** In urban areas, the maximum lot coverage for all buildings shall be 40 percent.
- 8. Required Yards—Rural Areas. In rural areas, each lot on which a second unit is developed shall have front, side, and rear yards of not less than 35 feet in depth.
- I. Covenant. Any application for a second unit shall be submitted only by the owner-occupant of the single-family residence on the property where the second unit is proposed. Thereafter, either the single-family residence or the second unit shall be owner-occupied in perpetuity. A covenant shall be filed with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk that states the owner-occupant agrees to the terms and also states that any violation thereof shall be subject to Enforcement Procedures (Chapter 22.242). This covenant shall run with the land.
- J. **Modification**. The requirements in Subsection H, above, may be modified upon approval of a Variance (Chapter 22.194) application.

SECTION 15. Section 22.140.640 is hereby added as follows:

22.140.640 Accessory Dwelling Units

A. **Purpose.** This Section is to provide for the development of accessory dwelling units with appropriate development restrictions, pursuant to Section 65852.2 of the California Government Code.

B. Applicability.

- 1. The provisions of this Section shall supersede other Title 22 provisions regulating the same matter, except as follows:
 - a. Community Standards District regulations shall apply as specified in Section 22.78.XX.B.2 (Accessory Dwelling Units).
 - b. Specific Plan regulations shall apply as specified in Section 22.46.030 (Administration).
 - c. This Section shall not apply to the Coastal Zone, where the accessory dwelling unit regulations in the applicable Local Coastal Program shall control.

- C. Permitted Areas. Accessory dwelling units are permitted where single-family residential uses are permitted with a Ministerial Site Plan Review (Chapter 22.186), except in the following areas:
 - 1. Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones, where a lot:
 - a. Does not front a vehicular roadway that is at least 24 feet in unobstructed width; or
 - b. Does not front a vehicular roadway that is 24 feet wide as measured from the property line until it reaches the nearest publicly-maintained street; or
 - c. Contains a Hillside Management Area and does not front a vehicular roadway that is paved with concrete or asphalt;
 - 2. The Topanga subarea of the Santa Monica Mountains North Area Community Standards District (Section 22.78.XX);
 - 3. The unincorporated area north and west of the area described in subsection (2) above, between Old Topanga Canyon Road, the City of Calabasas and the City of Los Angeles;
 - 4. Lots that are only accessible from Lobo Canyon Road or Triunfo Canyon Road.
- D. **Application Requirements.** An approved Ministerial Site Plan Review (Chapter 22.186) is required to establish an accessory dwelling unit that is located in a permitted area as provided in Subsection C, above.
- E. **Timeline for Decision.** Complete applications for an accessory dwelling unit shall be approved or denied by the Department within 120 days.

F. Use Restrictions.

- 1. An accessory dwelling unit may be developed if the lot:
 - a. Contains at least one legally established detached single-family residence; or
 - b. Will have at least one new detached single-family residence permitted concurrently with the accessory dwelling.
- 2. No more than one accessory dwelling unit is permitted on any lot.
- 3. An accessory dwelling unit shall not be separately sold from the primary single-family residence on the same lot. An accessory dwelling unit may be used as a rental unit for a period of at least 30 consecutive days.
- 4. An accessory dwelling unit shall not be permitted on a lot where there exists a habitable accessory structure, excluding a pool house.
- 5. An accessory dwelling unit shall not be used for a home-based occupation if there is a home-based occupation in the primary residence.

G. Development Standards.

 Single-Family Residence Standards. An accessory dwelling unit shall comply with Section 22.140.580 (Single-Family Residences), except Section 22.140.580.B (Minimum Building Width) and Section 22.140.580.C (Minimum Floor Area) shall be superseded by this Subsection G.

2. Floor Area.

- a. An accessory dwelling unit shall have a minimum area of 150 square feet, with one habitable room with a minimum area of 70 square feet.
- b. The maximum floor area for an accessory dwelling unit shall be 1,200 square feet, except:
 - (1) For attached accessory dwelling units, the additional floor area shall not exceed 50 percent of the primary habitable area at the time of application submittal, with a maximum increase in floor area of 1,200 square feet.
 - (2) Within a Hillside Management Area, the additional floor area for an attached or detached accessory dwelling unit shall not exceed 50 percent of the primary habitable area at the time of application submittal, with a maximum floor area of 800 square feet.
- 3. *Height.* The maximum height of an accessory dwelling unit shall be:
 - i. 25 feet, except:
 - (1) For accessory dwelling units created entirely within the existing space¹ of an accessory structure, the maximum height shall be equal to the maximum height of the accessory structure.
 - (2) For accessory dwelling units created entirely within the existing space of a single-family primary residence, the maximum height shall be equal to the height of the primary residence.
 - (3) For accessory dwelling units not described in subsection (1) or (2) above, and within 200 feet of an adopted state Scenic Highway, the maximum height shall be 18 feet.
- 4. **Distance From Primary Residence**. The distance between the detached accessory dwelling unit and the primary residence shall be as follows:

¹ For the purposes of this section, "existing space" refers to an ADU created entirely within the building envelope of the single-family primary residence or accessory structure that was legally established prior to the accessory dwelling unit.

- a. A minimum of 6 feet: and.
- b. In Hillside Management Areas, a maximum of 25 feet, unless the accessory dwelling unit is created entirely within the existing space of an accessory structure.
- 5. **Required Yards.** The minimum side and rear yard depths of an accessory dwelling unit shall be as follows:
 - a. For accessory dwelling units created entirely within the existing space of a single-family primary residence or accessory structure, no yards are required.
 - c. For accessory dwelling units not created entirely within the existing space of a single-family primary residence or accessory structure, the yards for the accessory dwelling unit shall be five feet.
 - d. Accessory dwelling units shall not encroach into the required front yard of the primary residence.
- 6. Release of Covenant. The County of Los Angeles releases its interest in any covenant for an accessory dwelling unit which required owner-occupancy in perpetuity of either the primary single-family residence or the accessory dwelling unit that is located on the same lot, recorded in the office of the county recorder, running with the land for the benefit of the County of Los Angeles.

SECTION 16. Section 22.172.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

22.172.020 Regulations Applicable

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2. Additions may be made to a building nonconforming due to use and/or standards which is designed for and used as a residence without requiring any additional parking space or driveway paving; provided, that such additions neither increase the number of dwelling units in such structure, nor occupy the only portion of an area which can be used for required parking space or access thereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a second an accessory dwelling unit in compliance with Chapter 22.140.640 (Second Units) (Accessory Dwelling Units) may be developed on a lot containing a single-family residence nonconforming due to standards, provided that where the single-family residence is nonconforming due to parking standards, sufficient parking shall be provided to ensure that both the single-family residence and the second unit-complyies with the applicable provisions of Chapter 22.112 (Parking).

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